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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06753.0439

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:           | ) |                              |
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| Takahiro Abe et al.             | ) | Group Art Unit: 2137         |
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| Application No.: 09/822,459     | ) | Examiner: Tremayne M. Norris |
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| Filed: April 2, 2001            | ) |                              |
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| For: Stream Enciphering Method, | ) | Confirmation No.: 8959       |
| Deciphering Method and          | ) |                              |
| Cryptographic Communication     | ) |                              |
| System                          | ) |                              |

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004, the period for response having been extended to February 21, 2005 (a Federal Holiday) by a request for extension of one month's time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.